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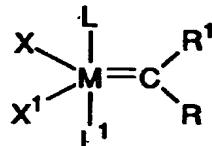
Entry of the following preliminary amendment in this continuing patent application is respectfully requested.

AMENDMENT

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 25-42 without prejudice and amend claims 1-24 as follows:

1. (Amended) A compound of the formula



B)
 wherein:

M is selected from the group consisting of Os and Ru;

R¹ is hydrogen;

R is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, substituted alkyl, [or] unsubstituted alkyl, [and] substituted aryl, and [or] unsubstituted aryl;